

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, December 1, 2005

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 1, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton
Arthur Blackwell II

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
DC Tony Saunders
Lt. Edward Tillman
Sgt. Romel Alexander
P.O. Michael Woody

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Anisley Cromwell, Acting Chief Investigator

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Walters
Ron Scott
Larry Smith, Sr.

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, **Chairperson Ramirez** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:12 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Ramirez tabled the minutes for the meeting held on November 22, 2005.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

There was no report from the chair.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	35	1398
2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	28	1486

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **14** cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **0** cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **5** cases to OCI.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”



The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement

Homicide

Special points of interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday December 8, 2005
@6:30 P.M.

Detroit Police Headquarters
4700 W. Fort St.
Detroit, MI 48209

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During the period of November 21st through November 27th, Narcotics /Gang Enforcement conducted 16 search warrants and 50 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 43 Felony arrests
- 110 Misdemeanor arrests
- 4 Juveniles detained
- 1,172.6 Grams of cocaine, 116.1 grams of heroin, 4,044.1 grams of marijuana, street value **\$695,080.00**
- **\$23,219.00** in U.S. Currency

Confiscated:

- 15 Handguns

On November 22nd, officers from Homicide responded to the 2700 block of Tuxedo on a “Two Bodies Found Burned” run. An investigation revealed that a man went to this location in order to purchase narcotics. When the sellers took the man's money and would not give him the narcotics an argument ensued followed by a physical altercation resulting in the two sellers being shot multiple times and then set on fire. **As a result of this investigation, one (1) man was arrested without incident for “First Degree Murder” and “Felony Murder ” and “Felony Firearm.”**

Violent Crimes Task Force

On November 22nd, officers from the Violent Crimes Task Force and Repeat Offenders Program received information from the Columbus Ohio Police Department as to the location of a man wanted in connection with a homicide. Officers set up stationary surveillance and observed the man attempting to leave the location. As a result of their efforts, the man was arrested without incident.



Eastern District



On November 24th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 11000 block of promenade on a "Home Invasion 1 in Progress " run. An investigation disclosed that three (3) men entered the home through a window and stole numerous items and ransacked the residence. A citizen observed the three men fleeing the location. As a result of an investigation, all three (3) men were arrested without incident for "Home Invasion" and "Felony Firearm." Confiscated was one (1) one handgun.

Northeastern District

On November 26th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 12000 block of Gallagher on a "Shooting" run. An investigation revealed that while two (2) men were driving pass this location a man stepped out onto the porch and fired several shots into the vehicle striking both occupants. Subsequent to an investigation, the man was arrested without incident for "Assault With Intent to Commit Murder" and "Felony Firearm." Confiscated was one (1) AK-47 Assault rifle.

Central District

On November 26th, officers from the Central District responded to the 6400 block of Woodward on a "Robbery " run. An investigation disclosed that while a man was attempting to enter his vehicle four (4) men approached him, produced a handgun and demanded his money and the eye glasses he was wearing. As a result of an investigation, and with the assistance of two (2) citizens, one (1) man was arrested without incident for "Robbery/Armed –Citizen."

Western District

On November 22nd, officers of the Western District responded to the 16000 block of Ward on a "Shooting" run. An investigation revealed that two (2) men were returning home when they were approached by another male who called one of the men's name, produced a handgun and fired several shots striking one (1) of the men in the stomach and wrist. Subsequent to this investigation, the shooter was arrested without incident for "Assault with Intent to Murder," and "Felony Firearm."



Southwestern District



On November 23rd, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the area of Bassett and Liddesdale on a "Robbery" run. An investigation disclosed that while a woman was attempting to leave a store a man approached her armed with a handgun, pointed it at her head and demanded her money. When the woman complied he struck her in the head with the weapon causing injury. As a result of an investigation one (1) man was arrested without incident for "Robbery/Armed—Citizen" and "Felony Firearm."

Northwestern District

On November 26th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 22000 block of W. McNichols on a "Breaking and Entering" run. The investigation revealed that two (2) men had dug a hole in the roof of a business and were stealing items from this location. As a result of this investigation and after a brief foot chase, both men were arrested without incident for "Breaking and Entering—Business."

6. PRESENTATION/REPORT – MOBILE SUPPORT SECTION

Chief Bully-Cummings introduced Lt. Edmond Tillman of the Law Enforcement Section.

Commissioner Holley arrived at 3:17 p.m.

Lt. Tillman presented information on the Law Enforcement Section, inclusive of Traffic Enforcement.

(SEE ATTACHMENTS)

The following exchange occurred regarding the presentation:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Comm. Holley asked what year the numbers are for.

Lt. Tillman stated 2004.

Comm. Holley asked whether participation at funeral services would be cut back because of staff reduction.

Lt. Tillman stated that would not come from Traffic Enforcement.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that one of the major requests is for funeral services. There has been some opposition about invoicing for this service because a lot of citizens believe they are entitled it.

Comm. Holley if you would put those 665 hours into dollars, I think you will get some support on this.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated most of the time a district will provide a vehicle for a service.

Chairperson Ramirez asked when a crossing guard is not present, are officers supposed to get out of their cars and direct traffic for students.

Lt. Tillman stated they are supposed to be out of their cars, but not to walk the kids across the street. They do something similar to what the crossing guard does.

Chairperson Ramirez asked so they do have to get out of their car.

Lt. Tillman stated yes.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated under State law, we are required to train and employ crossing guards. During inclement weather when a crossing guard does not show up, we have to deploy a police officer to that location.

Comm. Holley asked whether there is a relationship with the school system and if, as with Angels' Night, they can have people to volunteer. He also asked what efforts are made to recruit.

Lt. Tillman stated we go to schools, churches and community centers and we are constantly recruiting everyday.

Comm. Holley asked to receive some employment information on crossing guards and indicated he would assist in the recruiting process.

Chairperson Ramirez because of the cold weather you will receive more calls to deploy officer.

Lt. Tillman stated yes. He also stated he would make sure the Board receives that employment information.

Comm. Hampton asked are the crossing guards paid by the police department.

Lt. Tillman stated yes at minimum wages and they are unionized.

Comm. Holley stated crossing guards are unionized.

Lt. Tillman stated yes, and that they receive certain benefits.

Comm. Holley asked do you have any openings.

Lt. Tillman stated yes, sir. We provide crossing guards for the elementary and middle schools.

Comm. Holley asked is that the telephone number.

Lt. Tillman stated yes, 313 596-1457.

Comm. Hampton what does the training consist of.

Lt. Tillman stated guards are trained in a classroom setting first about what they need to know about being a crossing guard; and then they observe other crossing guards perform those same duties. We have Ms. Brenda White who has been a crossing guard for forty-two years.

Chairperson Ramirez asked whether every traffic accident citation goes to Ms. Dade.

Lt. Tillman stated no, it goes to the traffic accident unit at headquarters. Ms. Dade is at Traffic Administration. Her department makes corrections to a citation and re-sends it to the State with the proper information.

Comm. Holley asked if the training grounds at Chrysler costs the department money.

Lt. Tillman stated no, sir.

Comm. Holley noted the lieutenant's excitement when he mentioned Harley Davidson motorcycles.

Lt. Tillman stated once upon a time, the Detroit Police Department used to train all the law enforcement agencies on Harley Davidson.

Chief Bull-Cummings asked the Board have they seen the department traffic officers give an escort.

Comm. Holley stated yes, at Ms. Rosa Parks' funeral. He remarked he fell in love with the city again, and that he had never seen anything so well organized. Asked were those Harley Davidson the officers were riding.

Lt. Tillman stated yes sir.

Comm. Hampton stated that's the Hog of all bikes.

Lt. Tillman stated yes, sir.

Chairperson Ramirez asked about the first female who was trained for traffic enforcement, and whether she was the only female in traffic enforcement.

Lt. Tillman stated she still with traffic enforcement, and that they trained five female last year. The department has more than any other organization.

7. DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

Chairperson Ramirez asked Atty. Hooks do we have any disciplinary appeals today.

Atty. Hooks indicated there were two appeals scheduled; however, they have been adjourned and will be heard in a couple of weeks.

Ms. Hooks explained there is another matter that was heard by the Board on September 29, 2005, concerning Officer Patricia Duncan. The oral arguments were stopped and the parties asked to try to resolve the matter. The matter was resolved; however, the Disciplinary Appeals Subcommittee did not accept that agreement. The Decision Letter that went out gave the recommendation of the subcommittee, which was voted on by this Board. A letter received from the attorney in this matter asks that the Board honor the agreement that was reached or make some other arrangements. The members of the Disciplinary Appeals Subcommittee are recommending that the Board reschedule this matter for oral arguments. The Board was asked to vote on whether or not to accept this recommendation.

MOTION: Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the recommendation.

SECOND: Comm. Okdie seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Ramirez asked for an approval of the minutes.

MOTION: Comm. Hampton made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Holley seconded the motion.

VOTE: Chairperson Ramirez, Comm. Hampton and Comm. Holley voted yes; and Comm. Okdie abstained.

9. REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT GRANT

The Michigan Automotive Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) has awarded the Detroit Police Department's Investigative Operations the following three (3) continuation grants. If approved, the grants will be effective commencing January 1, 2006, and end December 31, 2006.

Western Wayne Grant #G-17-06, in the amount of **\$165,140**, will pay salaries and fringes, including overtime, for (2) police investigators. Of the amount, the ATPA will provide 75% of the total amount, which is \$123,855, and the Detroit Police Department will provide a **25% cash match of \$41,285**

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the above Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Blackwell arrived at 3:31 p.m.

Automobile Property Crimes Grant #G-19-06, in the amount of **\$1,158,859**, will pay salaries and fringes, including overtime, for (10) police officers, (2) sergeants, (2) vehicle identification officers and the lease of (12) vehicles. Of the amount, the ATPA will provide 75% of the total amount, which is **\$869,144**, and the Detroit Police Department will provide a **25% cash match of \$289,715**.

Preventing Auto Theft Grant #G-21-06, in the amount of **\$1,173,798**, will pay salaries and fringes, including overtime, for (10) police officers, (2) sergeants, a secretary typist and the leasing of (12) vehicles. Of the amount, the ATPA will provide 75% of the total amount, which is **\$880,349**, and the Detroit Police Department will provide a **25% cash match of \$293,449**.

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the above Grants.

SECOND: **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Ramirez stated she would like to follow-up on the complaints of Mr. Odell Johnson, and asked if they have been closed.

Acting Chief Investigator Cromwell stated he would like to make a correction first. At the August 25, 2005 Board meeting, there was a statement made from Mr. Johnson

about his cases not being closed. At that time, ICI Sheard and I made a statement that all of Mr. Johnson's cases were closed. We did find out that there was one case open. The statement made by ICI Sheard and myself at that time was incorrect. For the record we want to apologize for that statement.

On the case that was closed last week, I discussed the findings and allegations with Mr. Johnson. He was not satisfied with the allegations during the interview. We should have a resolution in the next four days.

Comm. Holley asked does that mean both parties are coming to some kind of agreement.

Acting Chief Investigator Cromwell stated yes. I will do a follow-up with Mr. Johnson today. When I spoke to him this morning, he seemed to be satisfied with the progress that is being made.

Comm. Holley stated we are getting letters from everywhere on this matter.

Acting Chief Investigator Cromwell stated that we should be able to come to a conclusion on Tuesday.

Comm. Holley stated I had offered my help in this matter before.

Comm. Hampton wanted to give accolades to the Chief, AC Hall, DC Brackens and the Detroit Police Department on how they handled the incident that involved one of the local unions. Although some people were arrested, there were no major incidents that took place.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 8, 2005 @ 6:30 p.m.
Southwestern District
4700 West Fort Street
Detroit, MI 48209

12. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Larry Smith, Sr. asked the Board if something could be done about the loud music being played at the skating rink where he skates.

Comm. Okdie suggest that he address his concern to the City Council.

Larry Smith, Sr. stated he has been before City Council and nothing has been done.

Chief Bully-Cumming stated to Mr. Smith that the rink is a private business and that there is nothing the department can do, unless the surrounding neighbors complain about the loud music.

Comm. Holley asked the Board to be very sensitive to Ron Scott's situation. He had a fire at his place and has lost everything.

Ms. Walters asked the department to continue to have dialogue with the other agencies concerning centralization.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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